

HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR, BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND THE HAWAII STATE
TEACHERS ASSOCIATION TO ESTABLISH A MINIMUM MEDIAN SALARY,
ADJUSTED FOR THE COST OF LIVING, THAT IS NOT THE LOWEST IN
THE NATION AMONG METROPOLITAN AREAS.

1 WHEREAS, according to a recent study by the MacIver
2 Institute, teachers in Honolulu have the lowest median salary of
3 the sixty major metropolitan areas in the United States,
4 adjusted for cost of living; and

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6 WHEREAS, over half of all new-arriving teachers in Hawaii
7 leave their district within the first five years on the job; and

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9 WHEREAS, many teachers in Hawaii can move to many cities on
10 the mainland to receive a higher salary in a place with a lower
11 cost of living; and

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13 WHEREAS, Hawaii's high cost of living is often cited as a
14 reason many teachers move to the mainland; now, therefore,

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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
17 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
18 Session of 2015, that the Governor, Board of Education, and the
19 Hawaii State Teachers Association are urged to establish a
20 minimum median salary, adjusted for the cost of living, that is
21 not the lowest in the nation among metropolitan areas; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the President of the
25 Hawaii State Teachers Association, the Chairperson of the Board
26 of Education, and the Superintendent of Education.

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